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NEW HOPE FOR THE SUFF CAUSE

The Referendum Is Not Necessary In Tennessee

FRIERSON FILES AN OPINION

Assistant Attorney General Bases His Conclusion Largely On Decision Of United States Supreme Court In The Ohio Case.

Washington.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson has advised Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, that the Legislature of that state could ratify the suffrage amendment without submitting the issue to the people.

Mr. Frierson's opinion, given orally and in writing, both to Governor Roberts and the attorney general of Tennessee, was based largely on the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Ohio referendum case. In that case, the court held that ratification of amendments could be had only by state legislatures or conventions, and that provisions of state constitutions that ratification be referred to a vote of the people conflicted with the Federal Constitution.

It was said that President Wilson asked the Attorney General for an interpretation of the Tennessee constitution with respect to ratification. Mr. Frierson, who is a native of Tennessee, ruled that the Supreme Court decision made invalid that section of the Tennessee constitution which provides that any action on a federal amendment must be taken by a legislature, the member of which have been elected after the amendment was submitted to the state.

Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Woman's Party, said that Governor Roberts' decision to call a special session of the Tennessee legislature to act on the suffrage amendment "means certain victory." A recent canvass of both Tennessee houses, she said, indicated a safe majority in favor of ratification.

"This, of course, will be a triumph for the Democratic party," Miss Paul declared, "and already has had the effect of pushing Republican efforts to secure action in Vermont."

IN TWO SOUTHERN STATES.

Raleigh, N. C.—The North Carolina legislature will be called to meet in special session between July 20 and August 10 to receive the revaluation report of the Tax Commission, and at which session the question of ratification of the Susan B. Anthony federal amendment will come up, it was stated at the office of Governor Bickett.

BAPTISTS GET $65,129,950.

New World Movement Fund Shows A Steady Increase.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Dr. John Y. Aitchison, director of the general board of promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention, created in Denver last year, presented the board's first annual report to the convention here.

He announced that the Northern Baptists' new World Movement fund now stands at $65,129.50, an increase of $8,000,000 over the last previous announcement. The fund reached $62,500,000 a few days ago, Dr. Aitchison and a $1,5000,000 condition gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., became available at that point. Another such conditional gift will be counted when the subscriptions reach the sum of $87,500,000.

MAY PROSECUTE PROFITEERS.

Supreme Court Denies Injunction To Restrain Justice Department.

Washington.—In the Supreme Court Justice Day submitted to Assistant Attorney-General Mitchell, of the Department of Justice, his opinion denying the injunction asked by Weed & Sulzbach, Buffalo clothiers, to restrain the United States District Attorney at Buffalo from proceeding against the firm on charges of profiteering.

By the decision, Assistant Attorney-General Mitchell stated, the Government has cleared the way to bring prosecutions against all retailers and wholesalers who are thought to be guilty of profiteering.

PROFESSOR A SCOWS' VALET.

Dr. Greenfield Will Go To Europe As Cattle Boat Hand.

Newark, Del.—Dr. Kent Robert Greenfield, formerly professor of history at Delaware College, who has accepted a chair as assistant instructor in history at Yale, is planning a trip to Europe during the summer vacation. He will make the trip as a hand on a cattle ship but will return by passenger boat.

WILSON NOT TO TELEPHONE.

President Has No Idea Of Thus Addressing Convention.

Washington.—J. P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, authorized an "emphatic denial" that the President has any intention of addressing the San Francisco convention by long distance telephone.

WESTERN UNION UPHELD.

I. C. C. Finds Rates Reasonable And Not Prejudicial.

Washington.—Rates charged by the Western Union Telegraph Company for the transmission of the usual 10 words fast message was held reasonable by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a tentative decision.

It was recommended that the commission finds that the rates as a maximum are not unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory or prejudicial.

1,350,000 GERMANS KILLED IN WAR.

Geneva.—Recent statistics published in Germany on that country's war losses state that 1,350,000 men were killed. There are today 520,000 war widows, according to the statistics, 1,130,000 war orphans and 500,000 maimed or consumptives, supported mostly by charity.

ALIEN HUNT TO GO ON UNDER NEW LAWS

Increase Scope of Department of Justice Activities

ABETTING ALSO PROSCRIBED

While Wholesale Raids Are Not Expected Soon, Greater Number Of Arrests And Prosecution Is Certain To Come.

Washington.—Recent Amendment of the Immigration and Alien Deportation laws will increase the scope of the activities of the Department of Justice in hunting down and expelling "Reds" and others of radical leanings, although the department is not contemplating at this time another series of spectacular raids.

It was explained at the department that reports of wholesale raids in prospect were somewhat exaggerated, but that, nevertheless, the hunt of radicals is to proceed with renewed vigor under the broadened statutes and proportionately larger numbers of arrests will be possible from time to time.

The principal amendment which adds to the deportation activities of the Department of Justice is that which makes persons who contribute money to radical movements parties to the anti-Government methods which such contributions encourage. Under this amendment to the law, a person not actively affiliated with such an organization becomes a part of it if he lends any aid of value for the spread of its propaganda.

This section of the new law reads:

The giving, loaning or promising money or anything of value to be used for the advising, advocacy or teaching of any doctrine above enumerated shall constitute the advising, advocacy or such doctrine; and the giving, loaning or promising of money or anything of value to any organization, association, society or group of the character above described shall constitute affiliation therewith; but nothing in this paragraph shall be taken as exclusive definition of advising, advocacy, teaching or affiliation.

It is held by the Department of Justice that under this broad statute an amendment approved June 6, 1920, to the Immigration act of October 16, 1918, both active and inactive radicals preaching or advising the overthrow of Government, sabotage, the destruction of property or the killing of public officials, are subject to prosecution and deportation, and consequently, the dragnet of the department will be thrown farther out into the ranks of alien agitators.

"While reports that the department is planning large raids are exaggerated," it was said in official quarters today, "a reading of the amendment shows that the laws have been extended to cover as principals persons who contributs to the support in any way of radical organizations. This widens the scope of the investigations of the departments and doubtless will add to the number of 'red' arrests which may be expected from time to time."

F. D. ROOSEVELT BOOMED.

Assistant Secretary Of Navy May Get Second Place.

Washington.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is likely to be placed in nomination at San Francisco as an Administration candidate for Vice-President.

Mr. Roosevelt has been closely identified with the Administration, having made what is regarded as a good record in the Navy Department during the war. He has not been subjected to the criticism that at times has been heaped upon his chief, Secretary Daniels.

$800 A DAY TO APPRAISER.

Chicago Real Estate Men Get Sum From City, Says Alderman.

Chicago.—Two real estate appraisers doing special expert work are receiving $800 a day from the city, according to charges made by Alderman Thomas D. Wallace in the City Council.

"According to vouchers I have in my possession," he said, "these men have received $105,000 each so far this year. That brings their daily salary to around $800 a day.

The men named by Alderman Wallace are Frank Mesce and Austin J. Lynch.

MISS RANKIN WITHDRAWS.

Will Not Run For Lieutenant-Governor In Montana.

Great Falls, Mont.—Miss Jeannette Rankin, Montana's former Congresswoman, will not be a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of Montana, to which office she was nominated by the nonpartisan convention, according to a statement made at the convention. It was announced that she would leave the State this fall. Her name was withdrawn.

NEW PLAN TO USE FORCE ON GERMANY

Note Sent to Berlin by the Supreme Council

MANY QUESTIONS UNDECIDED

No Agreement Yet As To The Division Among The Allied Nations Of The German Indemnity.

Boulogne.—The Supreme Council of the Allies after holding a three-hour session, adjourned to meet at Brussels July 2, leaving most of the questions on its program undecided.

The problem of the German reparations was referred to experts, who will meet in Paris and endeavor to conciliate the conflicting viewpoints among the Allies regarding the division of the sums Germany is to pay. The experts likewise are still confronted with the task of reaching a final decision as to the total amount of the reparations and the method of payment.

The Turkish question is considered to have been settled by the council's approval of military action against the Turkish Nationalists as planned by Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Wilson, and by the decision that the Turks must reply to the peace terms by the time set, June 26. This decision is interpreted as meaning that the Turks must sign the treaty as it was prepared at the San Remo conference.

The Russian question came up, but was left undecided. It was agreed, pending further consideration, that the economic negogtiations between the French and British delegates and the Soviet representatives should continue without implying in any sense recognition of the Soviet government.

The communique of the council mentions the Brussels conference as having been called to reach definite agreements "before the Spa meeting," and it is understood that the date of the Spa conference remains July 5, as previously fixed.

The note to Germany, which was finally approved this morning, concludes with an announcement that measures will be taken by the Allies in case of non-compliance. These measures are not specified, but it is understood that in this contingency the occupation of additional German territory would be considered.

Paris.—Recommendation that an international financial conference be held in Brussels to mobilize German money and issue international loans based on German revenues has been decided upon at the interallied meeting at Boulogne, according to a special correspondent of Havas.

Another point decided by the Boulogne conferees, the correspondent says, is that the Allied Powers shall appoint ambassadors to represent them at Berlin. These ambassadors will be at their posts by July 1, before the Spa conference, the date for which remains fixed for July 5.

GEN. MARCH REDUCED JUNE 30.

All Emergency Commissions To Go After That Date.

Washington.—When Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff of the army, returns to the United States he will be wearing two stars on each shoulder strap instead of four. Like all other regular army officers who now hold emergency commissions, General March will be reduced to his permanent grade of major-general June 30. The Chief of Staff plans to sail from Bristol, England, June 28.

Regret is quite generally expressed over reducing Maj.-Gen. Henry T. Allen, commander-in-chief of the American Army of Occupation, to a brigadier. It is realized by army officers as well as by officials that General Allen's standing in Europe would be considerably better if Congress had made an exception of his case and permitted him to hold the rank of major-general so long as he is in command at Coblenz.

MEXICO SENDS AMBASSADOR.

Calderon Being Sent To Washington To Seek Recognition.

Mexico City.—Fernando Iglesias Calderon who was recently appointed confidential agent to the United States, left for that country. The other members of the diplomatic mission, of which Senor Calderon is the head, will probably leave Friday, an official of the foreign office said.

VOLSTEAD LOSES GROUND.

Runs Behind Nonpartisan Candidate In Minnesota.

St. Paul, Min.—Congressman A. J. Volstead, seeking renomination on the Republican ticket in the Seventh district, lost ground in returns from the primary, 285 precincts out of 375 in the district giving him 11,738, as against 13,569 polled by O. J. Kvale, of Benson, Nonpartisan League candidate.

T. R.'S SON-IN-LAW HONORED.

Dr. Derby Awarded Distinguished Service Medal.

Washington.—Dr. Richard Derby, son-in-law of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt, has been awarded a Distinguished Service Medal, the War Department announced, for his services with the Army Medical Corps in France. Dr. Derby held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Second Division.

THE MONEY MAKERS.

New York.—Window cleaners and waiters were rated high above the ordinary grade of wage-earners here, when testimony was given at the trial of Harry Weiss, charged with keeping a gambling house, that two of them had lost $2,000 each in a poker game there on Wednesday night.

Detectives in describing the games between a score of window cleaners and waiters declared there was a "considerable amount of money before them." The defendant's attorney admitted "thousands of dollars passed in the game," but maintained the amount did not provide the "necessary element" to convict.

When the magistrate discharged Weiss, Assistant District Attorney Driscoll, the prosecutor, remarked that "if a waiter and a window cleaner can sit in a game of poker and each lose $2,000, I want to be either right away."

HARDING WILL BE TOLD JULY 22

Ceremony To Take Place At His Marion Home.

Washington.—Senator Harding will be formally notified of his nomination as the Republican presidential candidate July 22 at his home in Marion, O.

Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts, will be notified of his nomination by the Republican party for vice-president July 27.

The dates for the two notification ceremonies were decided on at a conference here in which Senator Harding, National Chairman Hays and a subcommittee of the Republican national committee participated.

The original plan was to notify Senator Harding of his nomination about July 15, but in order to allow adequate time for the news services to mail his speech of acceptance to all parts of the country after it had been prepared, the committee thought it advisable to postpone the ceremonies one week.

27 UNION LEADERS INDICTED.

Jersey Men Conspired To Interfere With Workers, Charge.

New York.—Twenty-seven walking delegates and leaders of building trade unions in Hudson county, New Jersey, were included in a blanket indictment for conspiracy among the batch of 18 indictments returned by the Hudson county grand jury Tuesday.

No arrests have yet been reported. Assistant Prosecutor James F. Clark alleged that the defendants conspired to interfere with men going about their lawful business, in violation of a labor union rule.

TO PASS ON SUFFRAGE.

Governor Roberts Announces He'll Call Special Session.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, announced that he would comply with the desire of President Wilson that a special session of the Tennessee Legislature be called to act on the Federal suffrage amendment. The Legislature will be called to meet, the Governor said, in plenty of time to permit the women of the United States to vote in the November election, provided ratification of the suffrage amendment is completed through favorable action by Tennessee.

TRUCK MAKES FAST TRIP.

Breaks Record By Crossing Country In 13 Days, 13½ Hours.

New York.—The world's record for a coast-to-coast motortruck trip has been established by a three-ton truck which arrived in New York Sunday night from Los Angeles, after having covered the 3,541 miles in 13 days, 13 hours and 15 minutes. The previous record, made, it was said, in 1918, was 17 days and 3 hours.

WOMAN SOARS 21,325 FEET.

French Aviatrix In 35 Minutes Breaks Former Record.

Paris.—Louise Favier broke the world's altitude record for women by reaching a height of 6,500 meters (21,325 feet). Accompanied by Lieutenant Bossoutrot, who recently broke the world's record for continuous flight in the airplane Goliath, Mademoiselle Favier in 35 minutes reached the greatest altitude ever attained by a woman.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE

The Atlantic fleet will complete its power runs and target practice this week and the ships will dock in their home yards, the naval bureau of navigation announced.

George W. Perkins, millionaire financier and philanthropist, who died last Friday in a Stamford (Conn.) sanitarium, left no bequests to charity.

A resolution opposing cash bonus legislation in any form was adopted by the Florida Department of the American Legion by a vote of 84 to 39.

President Wilson was asked to exercise executive authority to procure priority in coal assignments for public utilities in New York.

Louis C. and Julius A. Haag, brothers, proprietors of a chain of drug stores were found guilty at Indianapolis of violation of the Reed amendment.

The Department of Justice disapproves of the proposal to ration sugar at hotels and restaurants instead of serving from open bowls.

The English pound sterling touched $4 in the New York money market.

TURKS TO TURN DOWN TREATY

Opposed to Giving Up Smyrna District

FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES

Willing To Accept A Settlement According To The Wilsonian Principles And Spirit Of The League Of Nations.

Constantinople.—The Turkish peace delegation in Paris has been instructed from Constantinople that the Turkish Government will uncompromisingly refuse to sign any peace treaty which deprives Turkey of the Smyrna district, Adrianople or Eastern Thrace. In the main, it is indicated, the government agrees with the other territorial limitations fixed by the Entente, but asks that Turkey be given representation on the international commission governing the Straits and also on other commissions created for the regulation of Turkish affairs.

The Turkish government consents to have portions of Erzerum, Bitlis and Van provinces given to Armenia, but insists that Armenia's Black Sea port be outside of Turkey and asks financial compensation for the territory given Armenia.

Turkey insists that it is willing to accept a settlement according to the Wilsonian principles and the spirit of the League of Nations, but declares no Turkish government could live if it signed the present treaty.

The Turkish Nationalists still are pressing the Asiatic shores of Marmora in the vicinity of Constantinople and are directing a great concentration toward Smyrna.

Apparently the plan of the followers of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, is to harass the Greeks as much as possible in Thrace and the English opposite Constantinople to prevent them from sending reinforcements to the Greeks in the Smyrna district, where, it is believed here, the Nationalists will attack in force if the Peace Conference persists in giving Smyrna to the Greeks.

London.—The Greek legation here has received official information that the Greeks campaigning against the Turkish Nationalists in the Smyrna district surrounded a Turkish Army corps in Philadelphia (Ala-Shehr, 83 miles east of Smyrna), taking 8,000 prisoners, with guns and other booty.

GERMAN CABINET FORMED.

Chancellor Fehrenbach Announces Official List.

Berlin.—The German chancellor, Konstantin Fehrenbach, has completed the formation of a cabinet.

The official list was given out as follows:

Chancellor—Konstantin Fehrenbach.
Minister of Justice and Vice Chancellor—Carl Heinze.
Minister of Foreign Affairs—Dr. Walter Simons.
Minister of Finance—Dr. Wirth.
Minister of the Interior—Herr Koch.
Minister of Defense—Herr Lessler.
Minister of Transport—General Groener.
Minister of Food—Andres Hermes.
Posts and Telegraphs—Johann Giesberts.
Minister of Economics—Herr Scholz.
Minister of the Treasury—Herr Von Raumer.

The portfolios of labor and reconstruction have not yet been filled.

HAD TO RESIST ALLIES.

Clemenceau's Work For Finance Defended By Tardieu.

Paris.—Deputy Andre Tardieu, formerly French high commissioner to the United States, defended former Premier Clemenceau's work at the Peace Conference during a session of the Chamber of Deputies.

France, M. Tardieu declared, had to resist her Allies, who demanded that there be no inter-Allied occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, that French occupation cease after 18 months, that France pay Germany for all public property in Alsace-Lorraine, that there be no cession of the Sarre mines and that there be less than 40 per cent. replacement of tonnage lost during the war.

WINS AGAINST REDS.

Offensive Of General Wrangel Developing In Crimea.

Constantinople. — The offensive which is being carried by Gen. Baron Wrangel, successor to General Denikine, against the Bolsheviki in the Crimea, is developing rapidly. Wrangel's troops have occupied the line of Makalaiwska, Bolohoitchmak and Wakiawa. They have taken 10,000 prisoners and captured 48 guns; 250 machine guns, three armored trains, nine armored automobiles, several million pounds of wheat and much rolling stock.

TO REVISE TREATY.

Diplomats Decide To Change Anglo-Japanese Pact.

Honolulu, T. H.—It has been announced in Tokio that British and Japanese diplomats in conference at London have decided to revise the entire Anglo-Japanese treaty in order to make it conform with the League of Nations covenant and to meet the international situation the treaty has created, according to cable advices to the Nippu Jiji, Japanese language newspaper, here.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

Danville.—Three of six Italian workmen caught gambling in their quarters on Sunday by policemen declined to pay fines of $13.45 imposed upon them by the Mayor and went to jail, although all of them had sufficient money to liquidate the assessment.

Danville.—The 13-months-old infant of Bruce Beatross was killed, and three other members of his family injured in Patrick county, in a runaway accident. The little baby sustained a fractured skull and died in the Stuart Hospital.

Danville.—Colonel A. B. Carrington and Colonel O. W. Dudley have returned to Danville from Atlantic City, where they attended the annual convention of the United States Tobacco Association. Colonel Carrington was elected a member of the board of directors.

Charlottesville.—Oscar R. Phillips, aged 23, and unmarried, for four years past in the employ of the Southern Railway, was run over and killed by a train in a cut two miles north of Rockfish. His mangled body was found scattered along the track for a half-mile.

Danville.—Charles Pritchett, a resident of North Danville, was cut and painfully injured by Dan McQueen, a young man whose sentence of one year in the penitentiary was recently suspended in the Corporation Court. Pritchett had a gash a foot long in his back. Neither men will say what provoked the quarrel.

Winchester.—A good start has been made in organizing a full company of infantry by George H. Grimm, who was designated as organizer by Adjutant-General Stern. About thirty men have been signed for enlistment since the initial meeting, at which a number of World War veterans made speeches.

Lynchburg.—Union labor has completed arrangements here for the opening of a retail store for union families. The store will be operated by union memberships at $1 a month, and a penny profit will be put upon every purchase. A. E. Jones, of Appomattox, will manage the store, which is to be located near several of the larger industrial plants of the city.

Danville.—Walter Reynolds, jointly indicted with Reely Roberts for the murder of Albert Linnis, near here last March, was acquitted in the Corporation Court. Counsel for Roberts had asked that his trial be continued owing to the absence of a material witness by reason of illness, but the court would not consent to this and the case will be called at the disposition of the court.

Winchester. — Samuel Weaver, of Knox county, Ind., has been visiting relatives and War Between the States battlefields in this section for the first time since he was run out of Winchester along with General Banks' entire army by "Stonewall" Jackson. On the retreat Mr. Weaver was captured, he says, by a "gentlemanly Confederate boy, who scorned to take watch and money."

Lynchburg.—There is a general demand in Lynchburg for the taking of a census by public-spirited enumerators to show that the census, which gives the city only 29,000, is erroneous to the extent of from 3,000 to 5,000. Suggestion has been made that work be done by members of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and it is not improbable that a move will be made for this. Mayor Jester has offered his services to work several days, if necessary, on a local recount.

Heathville.—Despite information received recently to the contrary, the menhaden industry on the Northern Neck will not be discontinued. The first catch of the season has been announced by the Eubank Tankard factory to have amounted to a total of over 1,000,000 menhaden. The catch of the Bellows and Squire Factory was announced to have exceeded 1,250,000. Officials of the factories consider this an auspicious stant for the industry, and although these are the only factories operating thus far, it is a foregone conclusion that the remainder of the factories on the Northern Neck will begin operations within a few days.

Salem.—The trustees of Roanoke College announced the creation of a new chair in chemistry, to which Dr. Harry I. Johnson, of the A. & S. College, Raleigh, N. C., has been called. Dr. Johnson is a native of Hagerstown, Md., an alumnus of Roanoke College and a Ph. D. graduate of Johns Hopkins, where he was a fellow in chemistry.

Lynchburg.—Lynchburg banks have clamped down on loans for automobiles and this, dealers report, has checked somewhat the demand for cars in Lynchburg.

Danville.—Reports received here from Martinsville tell of a skirmish which United States revenue agents had with blockade runners in the Danville District, in which Jerry Metz, of Roanoke, was twice wounded in the arm. The officers had information that an automobile with liquor would pass a certain road and they waited for it. The men on the car at once opened fire on the revenue officers and the officers returned the fire, after which the blockaders reversed their car and ran back some distance where they unloaded fifty gallons of liquor.

STATE CAPITAL

Court To Determine If Two Tags Are Necessary.

Richmond.—

In the past few days, about a dozen persons, residents of North Carolina, have been arrested by Richmond police, charged with operating their automobile with improper State license.

It was the contention of the police that as the North Carolina automobile law is similar to the Virginia law, requiring a license tag both on front and rear of all motor vehicles, these persons had violated the law by using only one tag.

Most of those arrested, according to the police, were automobile dealers and their drivers, who were driving cars through the country from factories. Instead of using two license tags, as is required in their State, these dealers, police say, were operating the maximum number of cars with only one tag.

The defendants in the cases claim that the practice until recently in North Carolina has been to issue a special license for those who wish to travel, but in view of an agreement between the States, they understood, only one license had been granted them. The defense in the case claims that on this account a mistake was made in arresting them.

The cases have been continued for further investigation.

Facing Food Famine.

Richmond, Virginia and the United States face a food shortage of proportions verging on actual famine unless immediate relief is received by the agricultural interests. This is the opinion of Oliver J. Sands, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Richmond chamber of commerce and president of the American National Bank. Mr. Sands, who has just returned from the annual conference of the Virginia Bankers' Association, at Hot Springs, declared that he has information that 54,000 New England farms are short of sufficient labor to harvest and market their crops.

Similar conditions prevail largely throughout the country in his belief, and to remedy this situation Mr. Sands is urging the government to take steps to divert labor from non-essential pursuits to the farms. Mr. Sands' committee has recommended that thousands of men in government employ now engaged in activities not vitally important to the welfare of the nation be encouraged to take up farm work temporarily for the national relief. Unless such steps are taken, he said, food conditions next winter undoubtedly will be serious, with higher prices resulting from the scarcity. The matter is now under the consideration of the secretary of the navy and the department of labor.

Davis Appoints Sullivan.

William E. Sullivan, of Richmond, was named by Governor Davis a member of the board of directors of the State Penitentiary, to succeed James Bellwood, of Chesterfield county, who recently resigned from that body.

Must Stamp Weight On Bread.

As a result of a new law in Virginia, introduced by Albert O. Roschen, of Richmond, at the last session of the General Assembly, bakers of the State are required to stamp their names and the weight on all loaves of bread manufactured by them. Bakers are allowed to make any size loaf they desire, but the weight must be stamped on the loaf where the purchaser can see it.

Lawder Heads Postmasters.

Harry M. Lawder, of the Richmond postoffice, was elected president of the State branch of postoffice men at a meeting of Virginia presidential postmaster appointees in Richmond Hotel. E. L. Field, also of the Richmond office, was chosen secretary and treasurer; J. C. Cotton, of Petersburg, first vice-president, and G. R. Sharitz, of Wytheville, second vice-president. The Virginia branch will be open to presidential appointees of the first, second and third class. Mr. Sharitz also was appointed to attend the national convention in Detroit, August 23, 24 and 25.

Plan Regimental Reunion.

Plans for a general reunion of all First Virginia Regiment men from the War Between the States to the past war were discussed at a meeting of the First Virginia Regimental Association. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary also held a meeting and decided to co-operate in the reunion.

Hibbs Resigns As Director.

Resignation of Dr. H. H. Hibbs, Jr., director of the Council of Social Agencies, was received at a meeting held in the Y. W. C. A. Dr. Hibbs appointed the following nominating committee to report at the meeting in September: Dr. Hudson, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Mrs. W. L. Hobgood, Rev. W. T. Johnson and Justice J. Hoge Ricks. Dr. E. C. Levy was appointed to go to New York to confer on the Russell Sage Foundation report in regard to the making a survey of social agencies in Richmond.

Scarcity Of Nurses.

Continued scarcity of public nurses for the health work of Virginia is shown in the statement of Miss Blanche Webb, Red Cross supervising nurse of the State of Virginia, in Washington for a conference with Red Cross officials, that funds now are on hand and motor cars ordered for the Counties of Albemarle, Essex, Lancaster, Lee, Madison, Smyth, Mecklenburg and Shenandoah. The work in these counties is well organized, Miss Webb said, but no nurses available.

THE SQUIRREL

By MADGE WESTON.

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Mr. Nathan Bennett was exceedingly annoyed. That had become his chronic condition since buying the Groundley place. He had always hoped to be the owner of the picturesque old mansion in its beautiful park setting, from the days when he had passed on his way to school.

Mischievous Nat Bennett loved to linger in those days before the impressive gates of the entrance, watching the squirrels scamper across the lawn. There was little resemblance to the mischievous Nat, in this dignified and austere Nathan. But ambition had brought its own reward and Groundley place was his own. He had started to enjoy himself there with something of the old-time enthusiasm, when he became aware of a disagreeable and interfering neighbor.

Miss Abigail Stevens had not "mellowed" with age. Nathan Bennett remembered her as a younger woman of meddling nature.

Looking upon the night of his arrival at his new home, across to the white house that was hers, he decided that to ignore her presence there would be all that was necessary to keep the peace. Soon Nathan found his mistake. When Abigail Stevens was not frightening his white chickens away from her side of the fence, she was throwing dangerous sharp stones in the direction of Niger, his calm-pattured dog, an animal too accustomed to friendly companionship, to know the meaning of fear. And when Miss Stevens was not engaged in endangering his live stock, she amused herself by penning certain complaints against himself and his household in general.

Mrs. White, the housekeeper, had a new grievance each evening. The busy man riding to and fro from his city office actually dreaded these homecomings. Niger, upon one evening, had exhibited pitifully a bruised paw, while one by one valuable chickens were reported missing. But now the calamity had happened—Fannie was gone.

Nathan Bennett, in purchasing the home of his boyhood dream, had overlooked the misfortune of loneliness. In Nathan's life of endeavor love had found no part, and Fannie was the creature who comforted him with her prankish ways and faithful affection. Fannie was a gray, park squirrel. It was Mrs. White who made the announcement of Fannie's loss when Nathan returned from a business trip. "She's been gone four days," said the woman, "and I saw her last on Miss Stevens' roof. She went in by the attic window—"

The woman knew that no further warning was needed.

Angrily Nathan walked through the garden that evening. Fannie had been wont to come to him with a chirp of welcome, running up his arm to her reward of nuts. Tonight no Fannie came. Fuming inwardly, he went indoors, this time himself to write a note. "If Miss Stevens did not at once produce his squirrel, she might be prepared for all sorts of—impossible—punishments." Miss Stevens at once responded to his letter. It was an unexpected communication. She would at once set the squirrel free. "Would he go down," she wrote, "to the south garden wall to receive her." Miss Stevens was sorry—very sorry to have coaxed his pet away.

"Coaxed!" muttered the astonished Nathan, and in apologetic manner made his way to the south garden wall. A young woman stood upon the opposite side of the wall; on her arm perched a gray squirrel. Fannie's bright eyes regarded him pertly, the girl's brighter eyes twinkled at him.

"I did not know she was a pet squirrel," the girl explained. "I am Gail Stevens, visiting my aunt. I coaxed your Fannie through the window because I was lonely and she was so entertaining."

"I can readily understand," Nathan Bennet said, smiling, "that you would enjoy the relief of cheerful companionship."

And as the girl straightened her arm to transfer the squirrel to his, Nathan Bennett clasped suddenly the outstretched hand. And in that clasp was the promise, strangely sweet, of loneliness no more.

Michigan Leads All.

Michigan has the largest farm bureau county in the United States. It is Sanilac, where incompleted tabulation of the membership campaign results showed 2,900 members, with the final tally estimated at close to 3,400. Iroquois county, Illinois, was the next largest with 2,850 members. Saginaw county is likely to become the second largest county in the country. It now has 2,650 farm bureau members, and expects soon to have more than 3,000. Membership of the Michigan state farm bureau now is 53,051, and it is growing at the rate of about 1,500 weekly. The southern half of the lower peninsula now is canvassed and the campaign is extending into the northwestern part of the state.

Oak Doors Thirty Feet High.

The great oak doors at the entrance of St. Paul's cathedral in London are 30 feet high and are believed to be the largest one-piece doors in the world. They are nearly as old as the cathedral itself, and each leaf bears upon it the name of the carpenter who made it.

When Swallows Fly Low.

It is a sign of rain when swallows fly low. When the atmosphere gets surcharged with moisture all insects make for shelter and come to earth. As the swallow hawks for insects on the wing it naturally flies low in search of its prey.

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